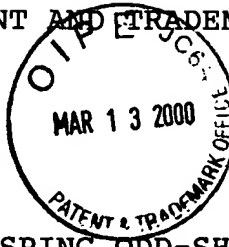


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AMENDMENT "A"

In response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2000,
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 7, line 2, after "14", insert -- which extends outwardly
from the lower end 12B of the main frame 12 through a relatively
short distance --;

line 29, after "tube.", insert the following new
sentence -- As can be readily seen in FIGS. 3-5, the arm member 16
extends outwardly from the main frame 12 to the outer ends 36A of
the links 36 thereof through a distance substantially greater than
the distance the shoe or support member 14 extends from the main
frame 12. --; and

line 33, after "mounted", insert -- by pivotal
connections 47 --.

Page 8, line 16, after "is", insert -- disposed at a location
spaced outwardly from the arm member 16 and adjacent to a first
side of the pivotal connection 47 of the tine mounting member 18 to
the arm member 16. Further, each tine 20 is --; and

line 27, after "is", insert -- disposed above the
links 36 of the arm member 16 and --.

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